



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1374**  
Chise MUKAIDANI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_1544A  
Serial No. 10/509,032 : Group Art Unit 1632  
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A METHOD OF PROLIFERATING HUMAN  
HEPATOCYTES AND A METHOD FOR  
OBTAINING HUMAN HEPATOCYTES

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**RESPONSE**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated February 17, 2006.  
The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.  
Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-2, 7-11 and 16-18.  
Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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